

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs 0009, 0015, 0016, and 0017 by replacing them with the following amended paragraphs:

[0009] This object is achieved in the article of footwear according to the invention, which is of the type having an upper and a bottom assembly, in that the upper ~~[[is]]~~ includes a liner that is assembled along first and second assembly seams, such as a first longitudinal assembly seam and a second vertical, or substantially vertical, assembly seam, both longitudinal and vertical seams being arranged on the lateral side of the article of footwear and being the only seams necessary for assembling the liner.

[0015] As shown more particularly in FIGS. 2 and 3, the upper 30 fundamentally includes a liner 40, or slipper, made from a pattern in a single-piece and defines both a vamp 41 and a bottom or sole 42, as well as an opening 45 for the passage of the foot and for lacing, and an upper edge 46. FIG. 2 shows the opening 45 extends along an area of the article of footwear corresponding to the top of the foot and rearwardly along and behind the area of the heel of the foot.

[0016] As described below, the liner 40 is assembled by means of only two seams, such as stitched seams, namely a zigzagging vertical seam 43, or upwardly extending or substantially vertical seam, that flat joins the two ends ~~[[41c]]~~ 41a, 41b of the vamp, and a Stroebel longitudinal seam 44, or peripheral seam, that assembles the free edge 42a of the sole with the lower edge of the end 41c of the vamp. The remainder of the periphery, or edge, of the sole 42 is continuous with the vamp 41, as shown in FIG. 3.

[0017] As shown in FIG. 2, both the zigzagging seam 43 and the Stroebel seam 44 ~~[[is]]~~ are located only on the lateral side of the shoe, as is the zigzagging seam 43 that is, there is no vertical seam, or substantially vertical seam, on the medial side of the shoe.